

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 17, 2011
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES



"Where Dreams Can Soar"

The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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Location: Bonney Lake Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

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I. Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call: [A1.3]

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin and Councilmember James Rackley. Deputy Mayor Swatman explained that Mayor Johnson was absent due to employment obligations for the evening.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Community Services Maintenance Worker H.D. Messinger, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist Shawn Campbell.

III. Agenda Items:

5:30:44

A. Presentation/Discussion: Community Forestry Report – Urban Tree Canopy Assessment.

City Arborist and Community Services Maintenance Worker H.D. Messinger said the assessment covered the City limits as well as possible future growth areas through annexation. He said 61% of the tree canopy is within the City limits. He said 43% of the land in the City is within the tree canopy cover classification, and the recommendation from American Forest Association is a minimum of 40%. He showed areas that are at risk of losing tree canopy due to development, most of which are along the SR410 corridor. He shared ideas to increase the tree canopy and suggested a tree bank fund for developers. He discussed the ways Community Development, Public Works and Community Services are working together to help citizens save or create tree canopy.

Councilmember Carter asked for the definition of tree canopy. She said the current codes require developers to maintain the landscaping for one year, but the enforcement of that is a problem. She asked if the City codes need to be updated. Mr. Messinger said a tree canopy is a tree of a minimum of 20 feet. He also said the different departments are working together to update the development standards. Councilmember Rackley asked about the mix of trees being planted in the City. Mr. Messinger listed the different types of trees and the types of areas each variety could be planted. He said it is important to have a large mix of trees to protect against disease. Councilmember Hamilton said he has noticed some trees being illegally cut down in the WSU forest.

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B. Council Open Discussion:

Cottage Housing: Councilmember Rackley said the Community Development Committee will be submitting a two-year extension to the cottage housing ordinance for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

AWC Conference: Councilmember Lewis noted the Council needs to decide on the voting delegates for the conference at the next meeting.

Bonney Lake History Book: Councilmember Carter said the Bonney Lake History Book is now available to purchase from the Historical Society.

Senior Boards: Councilmember Carter noted the Bonney Lake High School Senior Boards are Wednesday, May 18, 2011. She encouraged others to participate in the judging.

YMCA Tour: Councilmember Carter asked Council if they are interested in having a tour of either the Gig Harbor or the Mel Korum YMCA. Several Councilmembers are interested in touring both facilities, and will invite the Design Commission to join the Council on the tour. Councilmember Carter noted an article in the Nation's Cities Weekly newspaper, which said the teen unemployment rate is extremely high and YMCAs employ a large number of teens. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked for confirmation that the swimming pool planned for the Bonney Lake YMCA will be competition size.

Lake Tapps Park: Councilmember Carter listed several items that are a concern regarding Pierce County needing more assistance from the Bonney Lake Police Department. Police Chief Mitchell said the Police Department is seeing an increase in cases where the City is backing up the County.

Justice Center: City Administrator Morrison said the City's leasing agent has contacted him, and there are a couple businesses interested in leasing space at the Justice Center. He said neither is walk-in retail. He asked Council for direction regarding moving City staff from other locations to the Justice Center or leasing to a non walk-in retail tenant, and explained some funding options. Councilmember Rackley said he would like to have staff move into the Justice Center. He said the potential revenue of leasing the space is not enough to make having a tenant a viable option. Councilmember Decker said he would like to vacate the City Hall Annex, cancel the lease on the modular building and lease the existing Annex building. Councilmember Lewis said having staff together in one location adds more than just monetary value. Council consensus was that staff provide the council with options to move additional staff to the Justice Center.

Swiss Park: Community Development Director Vodopich said he has made two attempts to contact the Swiss Park regarding the restroom issue. He said they have not returned his calls.

Council Meeting Schedule: Councilmember Carter stated National Night Out is August 2nd. She asked if Council would like to consider canceling the workshop so Council could attend National Night Out. Councilmember Lewis asked if Council would like to cancel the June 21, 2011 due to the AWC conference starting at 11:30am in Spokane, WA the following morning.

Councilmember Rackley moved to cancel the June 21, 2011 Council Workshop. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Councilmember McKibbin said it is too early to decide. He said several people have not finalized their travel plans.

**Motion Approved 5-2.
Deputy Mayor Swatman and
Councilmember Lewis voted no.**

Pierce Transit: Councilmember Hamilton said the Bonney Lake Courier Herald stated that Pierce Transit is eliminating all bus routes to East Pierce County as of October 2011. He asked if the City is going to send the Transit Authority a letter stating the City will no longer be collecting sales tax for Pierce Transit as of October 2011. Councilmember Decker said the transit authority is also collecting a tax on vehicle registrations. He said if the transit authority does not service this area, citizens should not be paying a tax to them.

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- C. **Review of Council Minutes:** April 17, 2011 Council Workshop, and April 24, 2011 Council Meeting

Councilmember Carter said the May 3, 2011 minutes p. 2, need to read Pierce County Regional Council. Councilmember Hamilton said Heather Stinson is on the Growth Management Coordinating Committee, while he is on the Pierce County Regional Council. The corrected minutes were forwarded to the May 10, 2011 Meeting for action.

- D. **Discussion:** AB11-57 – Ordinance D11-57 – Updating Title 14 of the Municipal Code Regarding the Development Code.

Planning Commission Chair Grant Sulham said there is a disconnect between the Municipal Code and the Growth Management Act. He said as the Municipal Code is currently written, all Comprehensive Plan Amendments have to go before the GMA Committee. He said per the GMA requirements not all amendments are required to go through the full process. He said this ordinance will clear up the confusion.

- E. **Discussion:** AB11-58 – Ordinance D11-58 – Updating the Municipal Code Regarding Impacts between Commercial and Residential Development.

Planning Commission Chair Grant Sulham said this ordinance considers the potential for light and noise pollution. He said the definition for nightclubs as defined would prohibit an outdoor beer garden or a second story restaurant with an outdoor patio. He said the Planning Commission could not find a way to prohibit outdoor seating or piped in music without hurting businesses. He said the Planning Commission recommends using the noise ordinance to regulate noise issues from these businesses. He said the City could require landscaping to mitigate the noise and light pollution.

Councilmember Lewis suggested the Council add two items to the Planning Commission workplan at the next Council Meeting; updating of Title 16.14 Landscaping to enhance buffering between commercial and residential properties and updating the definition of "Nightclub" and determine which zones they should be allowed. Councilmember Carter said the Code should require a buffer between R1 and High Density zones also. She said the City should only allow nightclubs along the transportation corridor. She asked about the businesses that currently have outdoor seating. Director Vodopich said nightclubs are

talked about in the business section of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code. Councilmember Hamilton said the Council should allow nightclubs only in the downtown core. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Council needs to have more discussion and a clear vision before sending this item back to the Planning Commission.

IV. Executive Session: None

V. Adjournment:

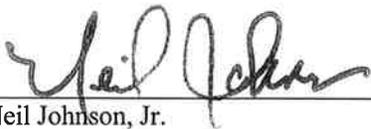
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At 6:57:p.m. Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Workshop. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 – 0.



Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor